

# THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

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THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

March 23rd, 1957

American Radio Relay League  
38 La Salle Road  
West Hartford 7, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Subject: Annual Club Report to ARRL

Note 1	Regular dues.....\$3.00	ARRL membership req'd.
	Associate dues.....\$3.00	Technician Class & Non-ARRL
	Student dues.....\$2.00	Must be attending school
	Non-resident dues \$2.00	Must reside outside Milwaukee county
	Initiation fee \$1.00	Must pay on joining or rejoining after lapse of membership

## ADDENDA

*mhf bank*  
Mobile: Activity here has seriously suffered. The primary reason that new cars generally have 12 volt systems, and many do not wish to re-invest in 12 volt equipment. Secondly, the TVI situation has eased considerably so more operating is done from the home stand. Thirdly, there is more Mobile equipment sitting in basements because the ham does not wish to damage! new car with antenna mounts etc.

*on the way*  
TVI: The TVI situation here is terrific here. Major source has been 6 meter operators. (There are approximately 150 on 6 meters in the greater Milwaukee area..5 counties.) Improper shielding/tuning/ harmonic suppression direct causes. Secondly, the high power run by the repeated violators in congested apartment and rooming house districts. The second major source of TVI are the 15 meter operators. Needn't tell me the band is open as the phone rings madly here! The majority of the 15 meter rigs are clean but the TV sets are of the 21 mc i.f. and ~~some are so close to the band that they can be done except to the operator's ears~~ and with no fault of the ham it is difficult to tell many of these people that the amateur is operating legitimately. Would say that the average tv set here is 3-5 years old.

EC: (Own opinion) The EC is intimately associated with the CD here and suffers its growing pains. There is a lack of coordination (openly admitted at meetings) between the City, County, and State officials as to definite policies, frequencies to be to be practiced and followed. Basis to this I feel is public unacceptance of this evacuation of the city theory.

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To: ARRL

From: Vernon L. Fabishak, Secretary, Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club  
Subject: Continuation of notes regarding annual club report

EC: It is most difficult to get amateurs to follow a procedure which they believe to be impracticable. The past officers (hams) of which I can include (present also) Koenig, Isenring, Devendorf Dzidzan have voiced similar opinions. The very counties into which Milwaukee is supposed to evacuate HAVE NO FACILITIES TO support the large number of evacuees were they to evacuate the city.

Another pertinent point, why withhold the two day tests on a Saturday and Sunday?, instead of a Friday and Saturday. (2 day) The consensus of opinion here was that the CD officials do not get paid for work on weekends...therefore call it as it is. How many amateurs are going to take off from work WITHOUT PAY when the officials themselves wouldn't!! To be sure, several here do to participate in these tests, but there would be a considerable increase in amateur participation if days were changed.

(THE ABOVE COMMENTS ON THE CD ARE MY PERSONAL OPINIONS AND DO NOT WISH TO REFLECT ON THE MANY FINE SERVICES AMATEURS HAVE AND WILL PERFORM IN THE CD ACTIVITIES ..... BUT DO WISH THOSE MADE KNOWN AS THEY MAY POSSIBLY IMPROVE THE SITUATION WHICH IS IN SOMEWHAT OF A MESS.)

Technician Class: Much disgust received by this writer from our members complaining about the poor operating practices of Technicians on the 6 meter band in this area.

Novice Class: Some novices here hinting at going on 20m to work DX as there seem to be quite a few on 20 (2nd harmonic of course!) doing so.....amazing, especially when at those same times 40 seems to be very quiet DX-wise!!! 579 and 589 also too!!!

Construction: Too many newcomers missing valuable experience in constructing their own rigs BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER TO BUY. Individual component prices and costs of chassis, panels driving new ham out of construction.

Antennas: McCoy's articles going great guns here. Again, emphasize a tuned antenna for the Novices. Too many are getting harmonics with the Windom and the off center fed variety.

UHF: Much latent interest but too little information available.

SSB: High cost of manufactured rigs and complexity of circuits involved keeping many off. (A recent article in the "other Ham magazine" by Co-ta has aroused considerable interest here on DSB. About 6 of us in the club are going to DSB...because it is an economical way to go home without excessive speech and Modulation equipment. Would suggest a future article in QST on it.

ITV: Not TVI but ITV!!! What can be done?

IBC: Local bc harmonics all over 80!! Also, TV audio and carrier on 20 and 10!!!

Hope you found the addenda interesting, I remain

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4185 South 57th Street  
Milwaukee 19, Wisconsin



# ANNUAL CLUB REPORT TO ARRL

Per Board order: To be filed by Affiliated Clubs and Prospective Affiliates with the League in duplicate, original to be retained by the Communications Mgr., duplicate then sent forward by Hq. to the ARRL Director. (3rd copy for club records.)

DATE.....March 23rd, 1957.....

1. CLUB NAME.....Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Incorporated.....

CLUB ADDRESS.....4185 South 57th St., Milwaukee 19, Wis. (Address of Sec!).....

Officers: 1st Dick Oberholtzer, W9ZPV  
President.....Raymond Peschek W9LJU..... Vice-President.....2nd Sy Wysocki, W9DOS

Activities Mgr.....1st Vice President.....Treasurer.....Charles Dawson, W9CUE

Secretary.....Vernon L. Fabishak, W9LHI..... Street Address.....4185 South 57th St.,

City and State.....Milwaukee 19, Wisconsin.....

To which address shall club mail be sent?.....c/o Secretary.....

2. (a) Number of club voting members.....189..... (b) Associate and other-grade members.....90.....

3. The number of voting members of the club who are Full Members of ARRL.....189.....

4. The number of licensed radio amateurs (U.S. or Canadian) in the club.....279.....

5. Number of club members (all grades) belonging to ARRL (Full or Assoc.).....210.....

6. Check here ☐ for Honor Roll Club Listing (only if Item 2a + 2b equals Item 5)

7. Regular meetings (how often, what days?).....weekly Thurs Nite..... 8. Amount annual dues.....See Note 1... at end of this report

9. Address of meeting place.....Lutheran Center, 1113 W. State St., Milwaukee, Wisc.....

10. Average current attendance.....56..... 11. Club-station?.....VOC..... Call.....W9LHI

12. Name of Club Bulletin.....Secretary's Newsletter..... Call of its editor.....W9LHI

13. How many members have their own amateur stations?.....230..... Use "Phone"?.....75 (phone only)  
(mobiles included in above count)

"C.W." Telegraph?.....110..... Both?.....90..... WNs in Club.....22..... Tech'n Class.....5

14. How many members of your club belong to MARS:.....6 (AA & AP)..... CAP:.....no data

15. Com. Reserves:.....no data..... Navy:.....no data..... Army:.....no data..... Air:.....no data

16. Does your club secretary report club activities to your SCM every month?.....The SCM is on our mailing list.....

The following are for club officer use or club members attention.... Please check each item desired.

☐ Maintaining Interest in the Radio Club ☐ Suggestions for a Radio Course

☐ Club-award Type Code Proficiency Certificate (sample).

☐ Training Aids List (bookings and availability to affil. clubs).

☒ TVI Kit (Committee formation, public-relations data, bibliography technical and other suggestions)

☐ Getting Newspaper Publicity for your Club and Amateur Radio

☐ Suggestions for Hobby Show and Fair Exhibits; pointers on Msg. filings from such source.

On the line before the following, indicate as your reasonable request, HOW MANY:

75 Data for Code Trainees and Novices            Operating Aids

50 Safety Rules and Supplement            Club Point System for Judging MOBILES

           AREC registration-application forms (Form 7)



17. ATTACH CHANGES IN CLUB'S CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (or note change here):

..... No Changes Made. .....

18. ☒ Check if your club participates in any TVI Committee
19. ☒ Check if you have a Publicity or Public Relations officer
- Other club committees:..... Mobiles, Contest DX, Field Day, various others formed as need arises Or how handled..... information given to members by letters/cards. To public thru newspaper announcements or public advertising.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM: Data below by H. Devendorf, Sec'y of Milw. ARBC

20. Is there an ARRL Emergency Coordinator in your club?..... yes Call..... WYRUF
21. How many RACES operators in club?..... (60 in whole country)(vlf) RACES station authorization?.....
22. With what agencies does your EC maintain contact?..... FEMA, Wis. Civ. Serv., Ser.,..... Milw. County Civ. Serv., S. District Court, City of Milw. Fire Dept., and the Corps of Engineers (U. S. Army)
23. Total number emergency power supplies owned by club members. 54 (no break down) Gas-driven..... Dynamotors..... Vibrapacks.....
24. Hand-Carried Units..... See #26 Nr. and Fqy Band(s).....
25. Mobiles...45..... How many each band?..23-30m., 31-35m., 40-45m., 49-50m.....
26. Portables.....72..... How many each band?..24-30m., 31-35m., 40-45m., 49-50m.....
27. Club-owned emergency power unit (describe briefly)..... 2000 watt generator, 110 ac
28. Total Emergency Corps members in your club. 12..... Full. 35..... Supporting.....

- RE. S.S.B.
29. Calls of members now using s.s.b.?..... No exact data available. Will name those I know of.. WOPR, WOPR, WOPR, WOPR, WOPR.....
30. Additional number now planning or building for s.s.b. no data.....

PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT AND RETURN the attached form card entitled AFFILIATED CLUB CLASS INSTRUCTION if you have Code and/or Theory groups or locals giving on-the-air code practice. (Calls, days, times and w.p.m. appreciated in that case.)

Our club does not give on the air practice. Code practice is given to groups preceding meetings. (Beginner & Advanced). Learners are recommended to listen to WIAW or Naval Reserve stations sending at slow speeds.

Indicate address to which any supply items (over) should be sent:

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Notes and other pertinent information accompanying this report on separate sheets.